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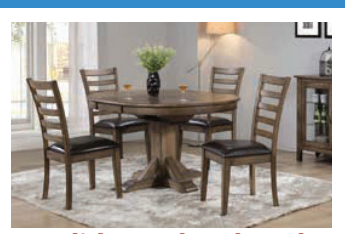
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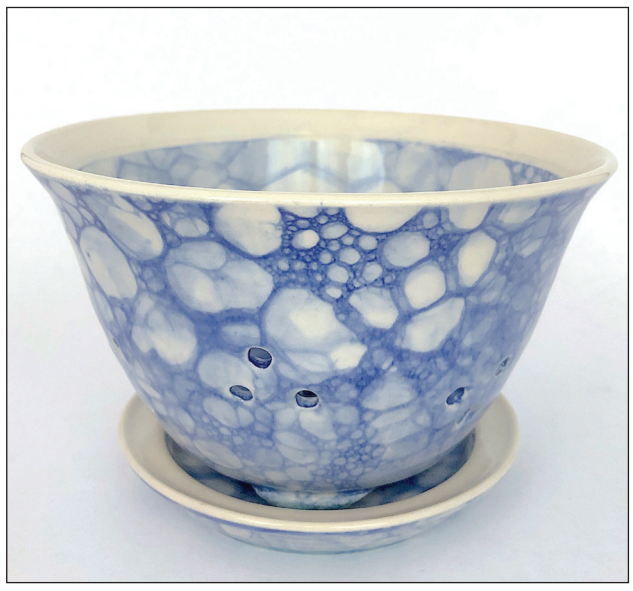

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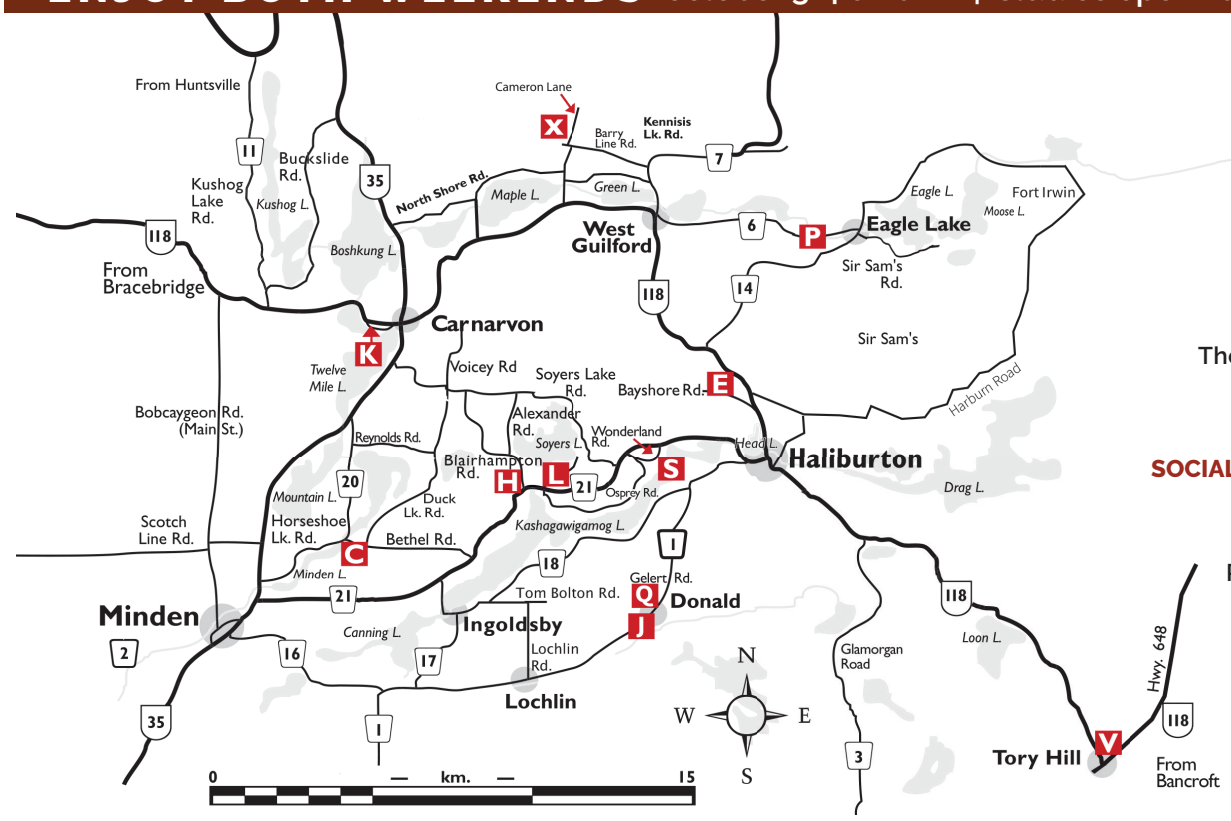

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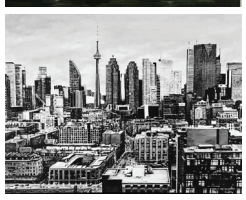

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2020 offers change of pace for Artech artists

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Anabelle Craig, daughter of Terry Craig and Jenn Wanless-Craig, works at Artech Studios in this photo from a few years ago. The Hot Shop by Artech Studios will offer demonstrations and an opportunity to make something during The Studio Tour. /Photo submitted by Jenn Wanless-Craig

When the world slowed down earlier this year to help mitigate the coronavirus threat, Tory Hill artists Terry Craig and Jenn Wanless-Craig did too. They modified their glassblowing schedule and took on projects they normally wouldn't have had time for. They added honeybees, ducks and hens to their backyard.

Things have been different, but they're taking it in stride, said Wanless-Craig, in an interview just weeks before the couple and their daughter Anabelle open The Hot Shop by Artech Studios for The Studio Tour.

"This year, we're pretending we were where we were 10, 15 years ago ... We're trying to remember what it was like then, just operating like that. A bit smaller," she said. This summer, Artech took on more custom work, too.

And because there was less travel and more time around home, they decided to get the chickens and bees they'd been thinking about.

"We had a lot more time this spring, and our daughter is home, [so we built] a really beautiful chicken coop. We have 20 hens and we sell fresh eggs," she said. "And we have ducks … for pets. We raised them in our bathtub and they just wander in the backyard quacking. And we have two beehives. We've already harvested our honey."

With The Hot Shop right on the corner of Highway 118 and County Road 503, attracting waves of cyclists each summer, Terry Craig embraced his passion for bicycles and offered repairs and rentals.

"That's my husband's passion. He was a BMXer when he was younger and he was a bike courier in Toronto and he likes biking and likes repairing bikes," Wanless-Craig said.

All of this on top of a three-weeks on, three-weeks off schedule of glassblowing.

Because Artech Studios is a year-round business, the family always keeps their popular items stocked up, meaning there hasn't been a scramble to prepare for The Studio Tour. Having been in business for the last 16 years, they know what products sell faster than others and produce them accordingly.

In particular, demand is high for the glasses, made from upcycled beer bottles. Over the years, they've diversified their offerings, expanding what's available for purchase.

"We make honeypots; we get clear beer bottles and put gold bees on them [and add] corks. You wouldn't even know they were a beer bottle. But we've really expanded what we can do with recycled beer bottles," Wanless-Craig said.

Customers have shown a particular interest in recycled products. Most recently the LCBO *Food and Drink* magazine asked Artech Studios to feature their whiskey glasses – made from upcycled beer bottles.

The couple also does some collaborative work with other artists as well as commissions.

During the two weekends of The Studio Tour, Wanless-Craig said The Hot Shop by Artech Studios will be offering demonstrations, an opportunity to make something yourself, refreshments and, of course, a wide range of glass art. COVID-19 protocols are in place.

"Basically everything on our website we'll have [at the studio] and then we make some fun kind of Canadiana animals, like we do loons and beavers and moose. They're not on our website, we just have them at our shop, kind of a special thing. This year we added [glass] bumblebees," she said. "... We also make [glass] pumpkins … just for Studio Tour. We don't sell them anywhere else."

You can see the wide range of glasswork available at The Hot Shop by Artech Studios by viewing their website artechstudios.ca or visiting their Instagram account @artech_thehotshop. Contact them at 705-448-9522 or info@artechstudios.ca. Their studio is at 18639 Highway 118 in Tory Hill. The Studio Tour is Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 and 4, 10 and 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Low melt, hand-poured coconut/soy candles have natural scents that evoke memories of occasion, childhood and the great outdoors, the Artech Studios shop website reads. Made of upcycled wine bottles that can be reused as drinking glasses or a container for other treasures.

Glass tumblers celebrate the great outdoors.

Artist Jenn Wanless-Craig works on a glass creation at Artech Studios in Tory Hill.

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Left, Woodland Bowl, Toasty Stoneware

Below, 'Ode to Joni' Map of Canada Platter set, Porcelain

April Gates moved to the Highlands to study ceramics at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. Almost two decades later, she's still here after falling in love with clay, and the area, with her work and business evolving over that time.

Gates said she had a background in the arts – in image making via painting, drawing, block printing and photography – before she found clay.

"When I started to understand clay and started to make more competent forms, they felt incomplete," she said. "Traditional glazes were not for me."

Instead, Gates began to explore alternatives that make her work pop with colour and detailed personal touches.

"It was natural for me to be drawn to surface decoration, so through research, trial and error, I started to develop techniques and unique imagery inspired by the elements, landscape and nostalgia," she said. "Through painting, drawing, etching, resist, image transfer and mishima, my pieces grew into a body of work."

Gates has amassed a fan following, both for her classes and workshops, and her work itself.

"I think that people who are drawn towards handcrafted work, are most affected by the feeling a piece evokes," she said. "With pots, they are such personal and intimate objects, all of the little details count. Surface, weight, balance, shape, tone, colour, message, purpose. Drinking vessels, bowls and special collector pieces such as Woodland Bowls and Memory Boxes are among the most popular items."

This work, said Gates, keeps evolving as she tries new materials, techniques and further develops forms.

"I think this is why people like to visit, the work evokes a different feel and story, and it's always in motion," she said. "I've got a big airy studio at the Donald Schoolhouse, and it's the perfect space to work in."

Gates said she is often more comfortable in her studio than her home, and spends more waking hours there.

"What keeps this path interesting for me, besides the unpredictable nature of having a career in the arts, is that when you have a passion for a material, you just keep learning, I feel blessed by that," she said.

"Clay in particular poses never-ending challenges and opportunities. The medium and the processes involved to see a project or intention through, are hands-on but also philosophical. Patience, resilience, flexibility and commitment are required," said Gates.

Post-Studio Tour, Blackbird Pottery will have a more permanent online shop available, and will be promoting dinner sets as a focus for the winter. Schoolhouse pop-up outdoor markets, in which Gates invites special guests to exhibit on the grounds of the Donald Schoolhouse that Blackbird Pottery calls home have been welcomed, and Gates teased there is more to come on the Gelert Road property that the studio has featured at for five years now. "This old schoolhouse property has so much potential," she said. "I see a window of opportunity to return to some original dreams."

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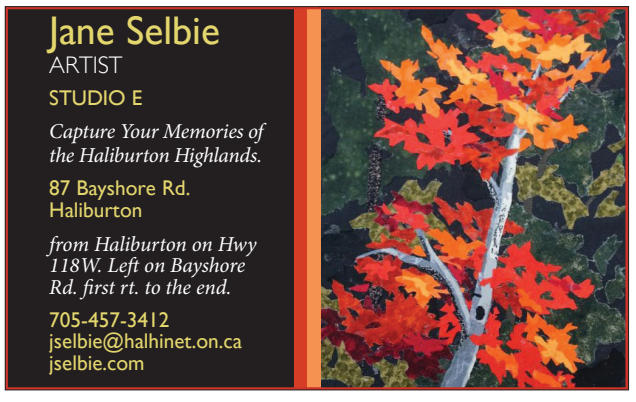

Potter combines carving and raku

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Renée Woltz says the beautiful natural environment and thriving arts community of the Haliburton Highlands feed her creative spirit.

Woltz will be displaying and selling her unique pottery at the studio of painter Sophie Creelman during this year's Studio Tour, taking place the first two weekends of October.

Woltz's love affair with clay has been a long one, first introduced to pottery at the University of Windsor while studying fine arts. She potted part-time throughout a career with the federal public service, selling her creations through galleries and arts and crafts fairs in the Windsor area.

"I like to carve into clay and I was working with glazes that emphasized the tactile surfaces on mugs and bowls, my patterns inspired by nature," Woltz said in an email. "This exploration of carving methods led me to try piercing through the walls of pots, in patterns that are evocative of leaves. I began creating pieces that although they are based on traditional vessel forms are more sculptural in nature. I try to impart a sense of motion and lightness in the linear patterns. I continue to produce functional stoneware with my signature style of flowing incised leaf designs."

Upon retirement in 2011, Woltz and her husband moved to the Haliburton Highlands and that first summer, she took a course in raku pottery at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, raku being a particular method of firing pottery with its history in Japan.

"Soon afterward I built my own raku kiln and began combining my intricate carving techniques with the spontaneous effects of raku, unsure at first if the delicate carved areas would withstand the thermal shock of raku firing," Woltz explained. "The challenge of contrasting the highly detailed, fragile areas of the pots with the magical iridescence or crackle surfaces created by fire keeps me pushing the limits. I am now experimenting with adding soft colour to some of my raku and sculptural pieces."

Woltz is excited to share space with Creelman at her schoolhouse studio along Bethel Road. Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there will be safety protocols in place for this year's tour.

"Due to the pandemic the number of people allowed into the building at one time will be limited and everyone will be required to sanitize their hands and wear a mask before entering the building," Woltz said. "There will be space outside for people to wait, if necessary, at a safe social distance."

Debit card payment will not be available, and while cash is being accepted, credit card payment is preferred.

Creelman's studio is located at 1165 Bethel Road, directly across the road from the old Bethel Church. The Studio Tour runs Oct. 3 and 4 and Oct. 10 and 11, with studios open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.thestudiotour.ca.

Potter Renée Woltz, seen here firing some work, will have her creations on display at Sophie Creelman's studio along Bethel Road during this year's Studio Tour. /Photo submitted

An example of Renée Woltz's work, with signature leaf motif. /Photo submitted

Renée Woltz stands with a display of her pottery pieces. /Photo submitted

Fall foliage fascinates

Take a ride through the Highlands to see the yellows and oranges of the fall foliage, as seen here last year on County Road 21 in Haliburton. / DARREN LUM Staff

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Artist hopes paintings inspire others to follow creative passions

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Oil painter Harvey Walker looks at a painting, preparing to give feedback to one of his students during a group lesson. Walker is one of the artists showcasing work during the upcoming Studio Tour - Haliburton Highlands held over two weekends Oct. 3 to 4 and 10 to 11. For more information about Walker, the other painters and participating studios see www.thestudiotour.ca. / DARREN LUM Staff

Down a country road close to Carnarvon, the Boathouse Studio offers a glimpse of the world as seen through artist Harvey Walker's eyes, one painted canvas at a time.

"It's always a good day to paint," the oil painter with 30 years of experience says.

Walker is looking forward to being able to showcase his work for the first time in The Studio Tour – Haliburton Highlands, which is Oct. 3 to 4 and 10 to 11. He called it a "mark of recognition" to be chosen by his peers for the juried, storied tour.

"To be approved to be on it by peers, other artists is a good feeling. It's nice level of achievement," he said.

He joins 14 other artists who will be at 12 participating studio locations.

Walker said just like any musician or artist, it's important to have the opportunity to share one's work.

"Whatever you do you don't do it usually in privacy. You want to be able to share it with other people and get their feedback and see how they react to it. That's the biggest thing. It's being able to do things so that other people can enjoy it," he said. "It's always nice when people enjoy it enough that they want to take it home and that's a big boost to your motivation, but I don't paint necessarily just what I know will sell. I paint what I want to paint and what message I want to achieve at the time."

His tour participation will include dozens of paintings, which will be showcased in his studio and a sheltered area outside. Subject matter will include depictions of fauna and portraits of people, but mainly landscapes of local scenes in the Highlands and places he has visited such as Manitoulin Island. His work has also been on display during the Tour de Forest.

Walker, who leads art lessons at his studio and has held other classes around the county, is passionate about plein air painting.

He tells his art students it's the "extreme sport of painting."

"It's where you're battling the weather and you're battling the time and the light causes shadows here and an hour later they're somewhere else, or the clouds roll in," he said.

There is an obvious unpredictable nature to painting outside.

Walker remembers painting this past May just west of Carnarvon close to East Lake. What started as a beautiful sunny day suddenly changed.

"Fifteen minutes later it got cloudy and 25 minutes later it was hailing. And this was the first week of May," he said. "So you pack up and go home. That's part of the joy it."

Although he paints in his studio sometimes, the value of plein air is in how the process of the painting can resonate with the viewer. There is a feeling that is conveyed about the place and the time the artist has captured in a scene in oil, he said.

"All your emotions and senses are involved outside. Last winter, I painted a few times at Sir Sam's and, hopefully, you can feel the cold of my fingers through the painting. Your senses: that's how you look at things and see how to record them and consequently I think it ends up on the canvas," he said.

Walker only works in oil; he appreciates the practical and creative flexibility it affords him.

With oil, he can employ different techniques using a brush or with his finger wrapped in a rag. Oil can communicate depth and texture unrivalled by acrylic or watercolour paint. It can also be altered to look like watercolour paint.

"With oils you have a complete tool kit. Depending on what the subject is, depending on what my mood is, I can basically adapt to that with a multitude of textures and brush strokes and representational images on the canvas," he said. "The whole challenge of painting is to take a three-dimensional image that you're seeing and transfer that to a two-dimensional canvas and convince people they are looking at a three-dimensional image again."

This 20" x 16" oil painting depicting a garage is from a trip to Manitoulin and is titled, *Anyone here?* /Submitted by Harvey Walker

The ever-changing quality of working outdoors keeps him working in oils, which is far more stable and adaptable in fluctuating temperatures. Compared to water colour or acrylics, oil is stable. It doesn't fully freeze in extreme cold and doesn't dry out like watercolour and acrylic.

His fingers will go numb long before the consistency of his oil paints become too challenging to work with.

Walker's message for people attending this tour or taking a lesson with him is to understand the arts is more than just about making money. It's about joy and the connection with the natural surroundings.

"You don't have to paint for a selling market. You can paint just because you enjoy it as a hobby. The same as somebody who is mature and will still go play hockey and never have any thoughts of making it to the NHL," he said. "Painting somehow [makes] people draw that conclusion that I was never good at it or not good enough to sell therefore I won't participate in it. And that is something I think I always stress at shows and all the time at classes that you can do it for your own enjoyment because it will add to how you see the world ... you can widen your perception of the beauty of nature just by going through the motions of trying to capture it on canvas. It will open your eyes up to a whole new world and a new set of visual capacities."

Harvey Walker is studio K on The Studio Tour, held Oct. 3 and 4, 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Boathouse Studio is at 1162 Peterson Road in Minden Hills. Go to harveywalkerart.ca for more.

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Artist making his mark one line at a time

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

Kinmount artist Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon works on a piece, showing the embossing technique he uses. He said his work is often inspired by his surroundings close to his home on Kinmount Lake. His pieces start with a drawing, which is traced on to a sheet of metal such as copper, alloy, or pewter. /DARREN LUM Staff

Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon said he is inspired by the rugged beauty of the Highlands to create his embossing work, which blends the cultures of his homeland of Mexico and the place that has fostered his artistic journey: Canada.

Kinmount artist Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon, originally from Chihuahua, Mexico, is making an impression through every piece he crafts.

His collection of embossed creations are the embodiment of where he came from and where he is making a home.

Diaz de Leon Rendon makes evocative metal pieces of Canadiana embossed in thin pieces of copper, aluminium, stainless steel, and pewter by applying the ancient Mexican technique of repujado, or fine art metal embossing, taking a thin piece of metal and transforming it into a three-dimensional object. In Mexico, repujado is often seen in churches and religious texts. In his work, he uses a variety of hand tools and techniques, with an awl or the stylus, which help him push and form lines in the metal to create his images, using stains for colour or a chemical to re-create a patina on the metal.

He likens the physical technique of what he does to sculpting except backwards.

"I have to work back and forth from the middle [of the sheet] to create the relief," he said.

The youngest of four children, he immigrated to Canada at 17 to study; his two older sisters were already in Toronto. He graduated from Ontario College of Art and Design with a bachelor of fine arts several years ago. For the past four years, he has been an exhibiting artist with studio tours in the Highlands, showcasing his heritage and love of Canada through his work and growing as an artist.

His artistic journey started as a child, watching his mother teach art. He remembers seeing her create, working within different mediums, using a variety of techniques. It captivated him and laid the foundation for his love of art.

After cottaging in the county with his partner for four years, they recently moved to Kinmount to be full-time residents this year. Part of the reason was for more privacy, but it was also to be closer to Minden and Haliburton, which have been supportive to the LGBTQ+ community.

"We feel safe, secure, and welcome in the neighbourhood," he wrote in an email. "I am very proud and happy to live in such a nice community and have good people all around the area. It's a wonderful place to be, Canada!"

Diaz de Leon Rendon was previously part of Tour de Forest Studio Tour and the Highlands East Studio Tour. He is also participating in the Victoria County Studio Tour during the last weekend of September and the first weekend of October.

Since graduation, he has found fulfillment in creating.

He is at a stage in his artistic journey where he is more spontaneous and open to taking chances so his work has greater effect and stands out from other art, he said.

"At the end of the day, it's about having fun and being playful," he said.

See his work on his website at fernandodiazdeleon.wixsite.com/artstudio. Read about the Victoria County Studio Tour here: https://victoriacountystudiotour.com.

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Peak of colours meditation

THIS IS A time for rejoicing!

Remember the pumpkin seeds, the cucumber seeds, the zucchini seeds?

Remember the red maple leaves budding, getting larger, filling the sky?

Remember the hard work, the long days, the warm lake water?

Remember the new recipes, the juicy peaches, the fresh garden herbs?

MARCI MANDEL
Way of Wonder

Remember the summer of 2020, the summer of masks and lineups, the summer of take-out and wait-it-out, the summer of rising and dying hopes and rising and dying family members.

Remember it well.

The summer of 2020 is in our bones, in our movements, and in our families' stories.

The summer of 2020 is in our laughter, in our tears, and in our photographic minds.

The summer of 2020 is over and we can finally exhale and say, yes, truly, it was a different one.

Now, here we are, surrounded by the bright colours of autumn. Mother Nature has tie-dyed the hillsides with flashy reds, toasty oranges, and cautious yellows.

Isn't it awesome!

That drive down the county road is a spectacle for the soul and a delight for the face.

Sing, dance, clasp your hands.

This year it's the same – but different.

Every year it's the same – but different.

This year, however, there is a feeling of groundedness that tenuously teeters between appreciation and despair.

Falling.

Falling.

Don't worry, that's coming. But right now, let's celebrate.

Come back up and see the leaves for who they truly are.

The red maples are red again! The birches are yellow! Isn't it wonderful!

Only a short while ago, these trees were busy creating chlorophyll to build tissue.

Now that that work is done, and they've stretched and blossomed, everywhere you look, you can feel a collective sigh of relief as the leaves return to their authentic colour.

To their true nature.

Yes! Here I am!

Yes! Fully alive!

Yes! Fully me!

Be present with the reds, the oranges, with the yellows.

Rejoice in the growing, and in the growth.

Rejoice in the process, and in the being.

Rejoice in the journey, and in the return.

A return to purity, a return to wholeness, a return to wonder.

Set the table, prepare the feast, turn on Zoom, and lift up a cup.

The beauty, the reward, the gift, is right now.

Be present.

Align with the colours and let them strengthen your vision.

Align with the colours and let them fill you with their perfection.

Align with the colours and let them fire your masterful imagination.

Be present.

Breathe.

Listen.

Fall

Into the wonder of it all.

FYI

https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/chlorophyll/— chlorophyll is unique in its ability to enable plants to absorb the energy they need to build tissues.

Top 10 reasons why you might need glasses

AS WE GET older, many of us need glasses. Unfortunately, it is hard to determine when. So, as a public service, here are my top 10 clues.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. That lengthy conversation with the lamppost.
2. That time you told a bear he needs to lose weight and shave.
3. What you called a seven-pound bass.
4. Your self-inflicted haircut.
5. You spent 10 minutes trying to teach a mop to roll over.
6. That wasn't the outhouse.
7. Wearing two different socks – on the same foot.
8. That's the third time you walked the cat this week.
9. You're sitting in the wrong car.
10. Every time you close a book, you pinch your nose.

Water colours

The heat is leaving river
In rising rags of steam
Because it's chilly morning
Hot afternoon's the dream
Which satisfies two painters
In Grade 10, best of pals
Who decades since make sure to meet
As plein-air senior gals

On deck at old Burnt River
With palette boxes nigh
Tall cozy mugs slow cooling
Which sometimes trigger sigh
Since brush gets dipped in coffee
Instead of water cup
And laughter splits the kibbitz
As both of us crack up

But coffee blossoms brownish
As watercolour wash
Its stain becomes a tree trunk
One's grin becomes a gosh!
From wrinkled hands grow paintings
In sacred August hues
With Lightfoot on the boom box
We generate our views

On canvases and paper
As blue jays bomb our calm
Some random word breaks reverie
Adds memories to balm
Of fifty years of kinship
Of energy and pain
Without our yearly art week
Our ritual can't gain

This deepening of knowledge
This reboot of landscape
Translations of two lifetimes
By river we can shape
Those colours that make friendship
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By Deborah J Reed

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Hearty chili for autumn days

When the weather starts to cool, soups and stews become staples of many people's diets. With this recipe for "Four Bean Chili" from *Vegan Cooking for Beginners* (Publications International, Ltd.) by the PIL editors, home cooks can experiment with a meatless chili that doesn't skimp on flavour even if it isn't brimming with beef, pork or lamb.

Four Bean Chili
Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons packed dark brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 can (15 ounces) small white beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) light kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) dark kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup vegetable broth

- 1 can (4 ounces) diced mild green chiles
- 1 ounce unsweetened baking chocolate, chopped
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar.

Heat oil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onions, carrots and bell pepper; cook and stir 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add garlic, tomato paste, brown sugar, chili powder, cumin, oregano and salt; cook and stir 1 minute.

Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, beans, broth, chiles, and chocolate; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium; simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in vinegar.

Chili is even better served with cornbread. Make batter while the vegetables are cooking in step one and bake it while the chili is simmering.

Cornbread

Makes 12 servings

- 3 tablespoons boiling water
- 1 tablespoon ground flaxseed
- 11/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1Ú3 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 11/4 cups plain unsweetened almond or soymilk
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 400 F. Spray 8-inch square baking dish or pan with nonstick cooking spray. Combine boiling water and flaxseed in small bowl; let stand until cool.

Combine flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, and salt in large bowl; mix well. Whisk almond milk and oil in medium bowl until well blended. Add to flour mixture with flaxseed mixture; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour batter into prepared baking dish.

Bake 25 minutes or until top is browned and toothpick inserted into centre comes out clean.

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Fall colours aren't only for trees

BELINDA GALLAGHER
Garden Musings

WHILE WALKING the dog the other day, I spotted a bright orange-red mushroom on the forest floor. The colour reminded me of the orange in a large clump of sumac, just beginning to don its autumnal cloak. You know that I am a big fan of sumac as the red/brown seed heads attract many different birds through winter and spring. The display of every possible fall colour is a bonus.

Back to the mushroom. Several in the genus Hygrocybe (pronounced "hi-grow-sigh-be"), are glowing yellow, red and orange dots against the subdued detritus of the woods. George Barron, in his excellent field guide, *Mushrooms of Northeast North America* describes the genus as large – about 250 species. "Many of these mushrooms are extremely colourful" and "not only catch the eye with their colour, but many are extremely common and widespread," he writes.

This year it seems as though one can't take a step without treading on one of the many orange, yellow, red or maroon macro fungi (visible with the naked eye) and that makes for fruitful exploration.

As I exited the forest, a cultivar of our native switch grass caught my attention. Botanically it is Panicum virgatum "Shenandoah." Known for its compact stature and beautiful red-purple colour in autumn, this clump-forming grass is quite tolerant of most locations but does best with a bit of moisture and full sun. Mine are always on the short side since I have them in bone-dry gravel. However, in a year like this with numerous major rain days, the grass grew to a normal three-feet tall.

One of the dominant species of tall grass prairie, switch grass has panicles that turn beige as the seeds mature and is a food source for overwintering and migrating birds. This fine ornamental grass is also used for soil conservation, game cover, bio sequestration of carbon dioxide and as a biomass crop.

Country Rose in Haliburton had a newer cultivar on offer this year called "Hot Rod" and I added a couple to an area that I am naturalizing. It also has a fall wardrobe – a bit darker red than "Shenandoah" and is a perfect companion for purple coneflower, liatris, rudbeckia and an odd white-flowering goldenrod.

I took a minute to remind myself the reason that trees, and other plants take on these vibrant colours in the fall.

It is all about changes in the pigments. In a nutshell, the oranges and yellows are always there, hiding behind the green chlorophyll. With the diminishing hours of daylight and the change in temperature, the leaves halt the production of food, the chlorophyll breaks down and the other pigments shine forth. Additionally, plants make anthocyanin in the fall and it is this chemical that leads to reds, pinks and purples in leaves.

The foliage of many shrubs and perennial flowers change colour in the fall, such as the cotoneaster.

Shenandoah switch grass is known for its compact stature and red-purple colour.

A mushroom in its fall attire.

The foliage of many shrubs and perennial flowers change colour, too. You are all familiar with shrubs like burning bush, cotoneaster, hydrangea, viburnum and the sumac mentioned earlier. In fact, many shrubs are purchased solely for fall foliage.

A bit more unusual are some easy care perennials – bloody cranesbill (Geranium sanguineum), barrenwort (Epimedium) and another native grass, prairie dropseed (Sporobolus) add real zip to the garden at this time of year. The first, bloody geranium, is a great groundcover and has stunning red to maroon foliage. A bonus of this plant is its resistance to deer nibbling!

It is definitely worth looking for fall colours closer to the ground and just so you know, the mushrooms, unlike the trees, shrubs, perennials and grasses, aren't changing to fall colours, they wear them from the get go – it is sort of a fashion statement.

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Let's Eat! DINING IN THE HIGHLANDS

How to freeze and preserve vegetables

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to *County Life*

Now that you have harvested your beloved vegetable garden, or were gifted with umpteen veggies by a generous neighbour, or have come home from a farmers' market with way more than you had planned on buying – how can you make these garden delights last the entire winter and beyond? Chef Dave Moffatt of Abbey Gardens, Haliburton, offers easy-to-do steps and tips for freezing and preserving fresh vegetables that in his words, "will last a very long time."

Freezing Vegetables

Step 1 - Blanch it

Corn: "In some vegetables there's an enzyme that can build up that you want to get rid of because that's what makes them go bad. In the case of corn, if you don't blanche it first and just put it in the freezer, it won't have a shelf life," Moffatt said. "First, put the corn in boiling water for eight to 10 minutes (depending on the size), then use a knife to cut the niblets off the husk, or a mandolin slicer, or the Deluxe Corn Stripper (new tool on the market) that works brilliantly."

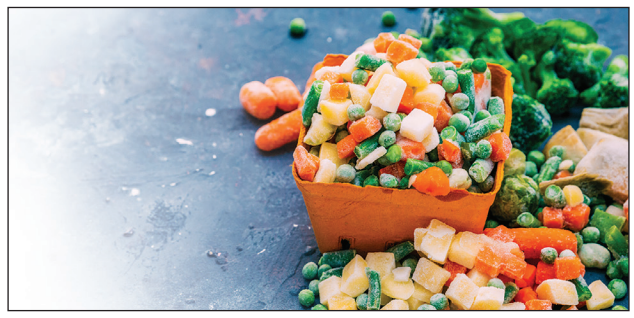
Tomatoes: No need to cook them

"Just chop tomatoes in quarters with skins on…or freeze them whole…and put in freezer bags. Then, make sure to get all of the air out of the bags and they will last forever," Moffatt said.

Carrots: Depends on what they are used for

"Carrots are something I don't generally freeze," said Moffatt. "It depends on what you're using them for, and this goes for a lot of different vegetables that you freeze. If you're expecting to freeze carrots, thaw them out, and use them in a salad, it's not going to work; but if you are making soup it will be fine. Celery, carrots, peppers, cucumbers, kale, spinach, zucchini, anything like that…if I wanted to make a soup base, I save all of that and freeze it…and then when I thaw it, it goes right into the pot. You can use every bit. But, when thawed, it wouldn't be a carrot stick that is crunchy, or greens that are crispy enough to go into a salad."

Tip - Basil: "If you have a lot of basil, you can chop it up, add some olive oil, put it in a bag and freeze it.



Then, when you want to make pesto, you just thaw it, put it in a blender and you're ready to go."

Step 2 – Key to longevity – airtight freezer bags

"Any time you freeze anything, you want to make sure that all the air gets out of the freezer bag," Moffatt said. "The air can oxidize the fruit or vegetable which causes freezer burn and ice crystals. That goes for meat or anything that goes in the freezer." Tip: Fill the bag with your vegetable, press the freezer bag to the end, suck out the rest of the air through a straw, and seal it. Best to use Ziploc freezer bags. "Don't get the cheap ones because they are porous and eventually air will leak through them." Moffatt also suggests as an option, purchasing a vacuum sealer kit that comes with quality freezer bags.

Freezing fruit

"Fruit is very easy. I use frozen fruit all the time for pies and desserts. Blueberries, raspberries, bananas, any kind of fruit you want. You don't cook your fruit first. I do recommend a vacuum sealer that comes with proper bags," Moffatt said. "Always remember what you're going to use the vegetables or fruit for."

Canning

As for canning fruits and vegetables, Moffatt suggests: "There are a bunch of great YouTube sites that will walk you through the entire canning process."

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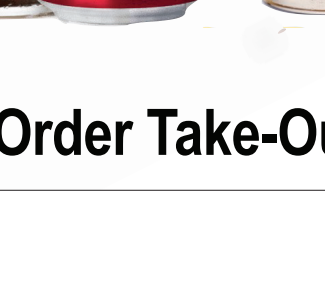

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Sometimes you can find the brightest colours by detouring from the main roads. Here, a tree shines bright yellow and red at Dorset's park by the softball diamond. /DARREN LUM Staff

The rich colours of autumn leaves are reflected in Head Lake, Haliburton, in this photo from last year. Take in the beauty of the season by going on a drive, walk or ride through the area. /DARREN LUM Staff

Take the scenic way, using Highway 35 north to Dorset where the colours are alive with autumn, as seen in this image taken last October. Learn more about Dorset at DorsetCanada.com. /DARREN LUM Staff

Highlands summer festival 2020 Live Theatre

Welcome to the Highlands Summer Festival Photo Contest

Each month we will be posting a photo from one of the shows we presented over the past two decades. The challenge for you is to identify the show and the year it was presented. There could be additional questions as well, depending on the whims of the contest master. All you have to do is submit your answers to contest@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca by the 25th of the month. We will select one winner from all the correct entries we received by deadline. The winner will receive two tickets to any of the 2021 season shows because, YES! there will be a season next year. A new photo will be posted at the beginning of each month at which time we'll announce the winner of the previous contest.
It is as simple as that.

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….just a nostalgic stroll down our theatrical memory lane and a chance to score some tickets to the 2021 Highlands Summer Festival season.
Well, there were nun winners in contest # 4. The photo featured the five nuns from the 2013 production of Nunsense. Some might have been confused, since we presented a follow-up to that show in 2015 called Nunsensations, featuring the nuns in Las Vegas. Further adding to the confusion, the casts were almost identical, with one small difference. In the cast of both shows were Maureen James. Beth Kipping, Pat Piché, and Victoria Bingham. The actor playing the novice was different in each show…..In last month's photo we see Jaqueline Janas in that role. In Nunsensations it was played by Hannah Klose. Pat Piché, playing Sister Amnesia, is the one who had the puppet. So, without a winner, we now have four tickets for the 2021 season up for grabs for contest # 5.

So ... Good Luck!!!!

Contest #5

We're looking for the name of the show, the year it was presented and the names of the four actors, (either their characters or their real names), you see here. Bonus points to anyone who can summarize the plot in ten words or less.

Send your entry by October 25 to:
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Watch for the winner to be announced and the next contest in this location in early November. *Good Luck!!!*

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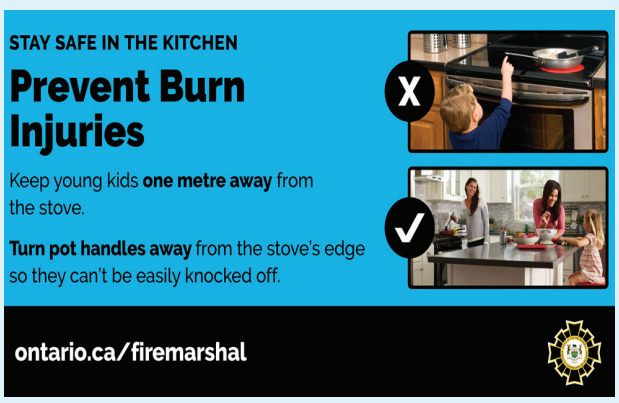
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Forecasts point to ideal fall colours weather

JIM POLING
Special to *County Life*

Don't delay in getting out to see the fall foliage during those sunny, blue-sky October days. Frost and high winds can quickly put a damper on the forest colours. / DARREN LUM Staff

The show is starting, but to see it you don't have to fret about a COVID-19 threat inside a confined theatre. It's all outside and the indications are it will be a great one.

Nature's annual autumn leaf colour show depends on fine weather for success and this year is looking good. Weather forecasts into October predict ideal conditions for a colourful show.

Overcast skies, rain and hard frosts diminish fall's forest colours, says Bill Parker, a research scientist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in Sault Ste. Marie.

"So, if you love the fall for the change in leaf colour, hope for a prolonged period of sunny, dry, and cool but not freezing autumn weather," he says.

That is exactly the weather predicted for the Haliburton-Muskoka region well into October.

Falling temperatures and less light from shorter days tell deciduous trees that winter is coming and it is time to shut down their food-producing factories, which are their leaves. The leaves contain chlorophyll, a green pigment that captures the light energy that helps to transform water, carbon dioxide and minerals into sugars and starches that feed the tree.

Chlorophyll is the dominant pigment that gives leaves their green colour, says Parker. So dominant that it masks other pigments in the leaves – carotene and xanthophyll and anthocyanin.

As fall advances and chlorophyll breaks down, the masking weakens and the other pigments start to show their colours – the yellows, oranges, reds, crimsons and purples.

Parker says that trees, like people, are genetically different. Their genetic makeup determines the colours they display in fall.

For instance, white birch lack the anthocyanins that produce varying shades of red, so their autumn colours are more in the yellow range. Oaks carry anthocyanins that make for autumn leaf colours ranging from rusty brown to red. Maples have a nice mix of yellows, oranges and reds.

Hillsides offering the most spectacular autumn colours have a good mix of different trees.

How long the autumn leaf show lasts also depends on the weather.

"Hard frosts, and periods of high winds and intense precipitation can accelerate trees losing their leaves," says Parker.

Environment Canada predicts a gorgeous fall leaf show in Ontario and lots of sunny blue-sky weather for viewing it.

"But don't procrastinate," David Phillips, senior climatologist for Environment and Climate Change Canada, has been telling askers. "We'll be seeing a later-than-usual normal colour change season, but when you get later, you run the risk of getting into some fall storms ..."

The risk is real. Data recorded by an Environment Canada site in Haliburton shows rain – a trace or larger amounts – falls on more than half the days in October. In the last five years, rain fell an average of 17.6 days.

However, October is not known as a cold month. The average median temperature for Haliburton over the last five years was 8.08 Celsius.

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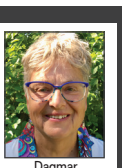

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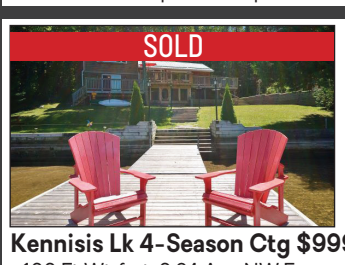

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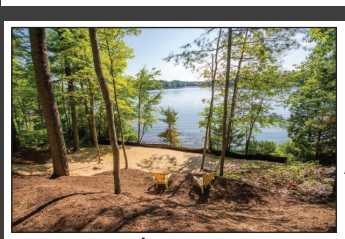

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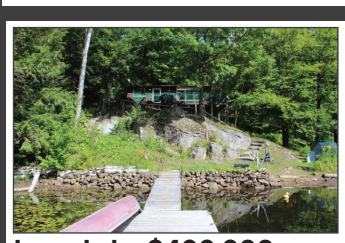

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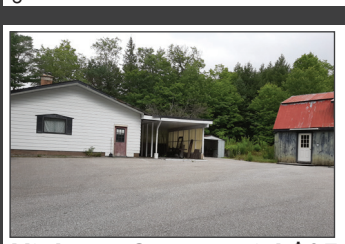

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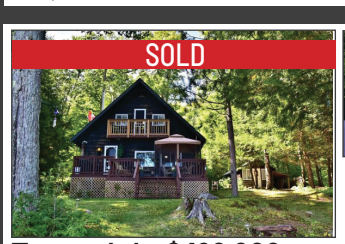

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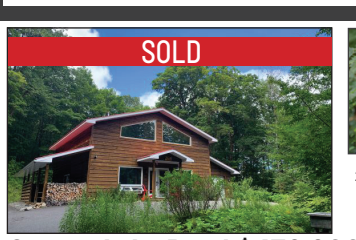

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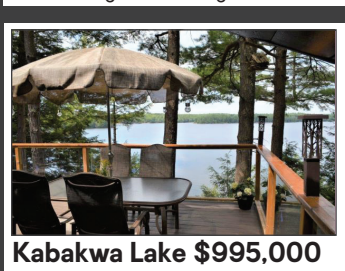

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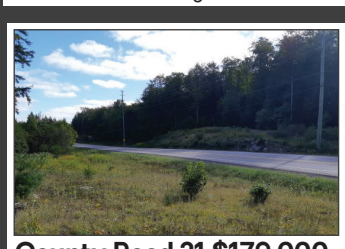

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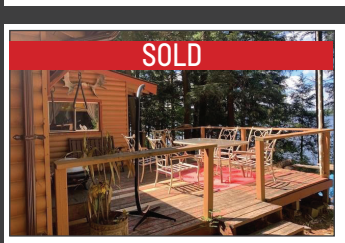

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services has a need for Temporary Full-Time and Temporary Part-Time staff for the noted classifications below.

RN's and RPN's are expected to be available for both Minden and Haliburton Hospital locations. In addition, opportunities are available in our two Long Term Care facilities, Hyland Wood and Hyland Crest. **The Registered Nurse** earns $33.56 /hr - $48.05/hr and is responsible for providing comprehensive care to patients, with predictable and unpredictable outcomes who may or may not be clinically stable. The successful candidate will possess a diploma/degree in Nursing and a current Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario. Two years of acute care practice is required; previous emergency department or specialty department experience of 1 year or more is preferred. Recent experience is preferred.

Registered Practical Nurses earn $30.089 - $30.669/hr and provide client care in accordance with the Professional Standards of the College of Nurses of Ontario. She or he, as a member of the health care team, has a significant role in promoting health, preventing illness, and helping clients attain and maintain the highest level of health possible in situations in which a client's condition is relatively stable, less complex and the outcomes of care are predictable. RPN's must have a diploma in Nursing, a Current Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario, current BCLS. Must have a demonstrated knowledge of RPN scope of practice, excellent organization and prioritization skills and an ability to fully communicate in English.

Personnel Support Workers earn $21.897 - $24.454/hr and provide resident care in relation to activities of daily living. PSW's help residents attain and maintain the highest level of health possible in situations in which a resident's condition is relatively stable, less complex and the outcomes of care are predictable. Successful completion of Personal Support Worker program which meets one of the following:
The vocational standards established by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities,
The standards established by the National Association of Career Colleges, or
The standards established by the Ontario Community Support Association; and
Must be a minimum of 600 hours in duration, counting both class time and practical experience.

The **Activity Aid**e earns $21.897 - $24.454/hr and assists in the planning, organization and implementation of meaningful programs for residents who have physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual limitations, under the direction of the Program Manager. Post-secondary diploma or degree in recreation and leisure studies, therapeutic recreation, kinesiology or other related field from a community college or university; or are enrolled in a community college or university in a diploma or degree program in such a field. Certification in Food Safety or enrolled in a course within thirty (30) days from date of hire is required.

Observers/screeners earn $14.50/hr and work on an as needed basis in 4 hour, 8 hour, or 12 hour shifts depending on Patient/Resident needs. The Observer is an unregulated health care provider who is primarily responsible for the close observation of patients whose behavior poses a risk to his/her safety or the safety of others. The Patients/Residents you are observing are often elderly people who are living with dementia or other conditions that impact their memory and judgment. As a Screener, you act as a greeter and screener at facility entrances in Minden and Haliburton locations, to ensure anyone who enters is well. Minimum Grade 11, or equivalent, from the Ministry of Education (Ontario) with a demonstrated working knowledge of spoken and written English and experience working in a health care setting, security, related social service, or educational field will be an asset.

There may be many who have worked related fields and training on site will provide the basics you require for a temporary role.

Interested: Submit you application and resume to:

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Job Duties:
- Efficiently help customers select parts and provide internal and external customers (retail and shop) with high quality service.
- Answer telephone calls indicate prices and provide any other information.
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- Receive payments from retail customers.
- Handle customer complaints immediately and according to the dealership's guidelines.
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Successful Candidates Possess:
- Excellent interpersonal skills with an upbeat and engaging attitude.
- Customer relationship skills including listening and the ability to communicate effectively.
- Excellent verbal communication and writing skills.
- Ability to follow set and standard procedures.
- Excellent time management skills and the ability to multi-task.
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- Ability to work independently and take self-initiative.
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Job Duties:
- Perform vehicle maintenance and repairs as assigned.
- Diagnose the source of any malfunction and perform the repair.
- Examine vehicles to determine if additional safety or service work is required.
- Explain procedures and repairs directly to the Service Advisors.
- Perform road tests and safety inspections.

Successful Candidates Possess:
- Strong desire to learn.
- Valid Driver's License (Class G) and a clean driving record.
- Able to operate manual and automatic transmissions.
- Strong Aptitude of technical/mechanical repairs.
- Ability to work in a team and possesses strong interpersonal skills with an upbeat and engaging attitude.

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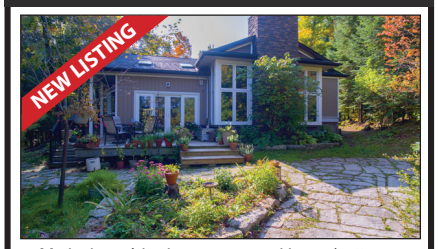
MINNICOCK LAKE $699,000



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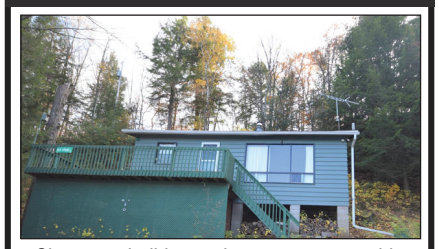
MISKWABI LAKE $535,000

Stunning year-round log home or cottage. Private, level yard. This spacious, open concept home features, 4 bdrms, 3 baths and second kitchen in lower level. Excellent layout for rental income, in-law suite or additional cooking/living space for those large family gatherings. Master bedroom with walk-in closet and 4pc ensuite. Fully finished walk-out lower level. Detached double garage, 3 season bunkie and storage shed. Deeded access on gorgeous Miskwabi Lake.

DRAG LAKE $525,000

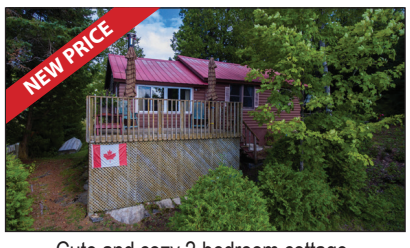
Turnkey 2-bedrm, 1 bath cottage. Stunning southern views from large lakefront deck. Surrounded by mature Balsam trees providing ample privacy. Open concept living space. Ample natural lighting, spacious rooms, pine cabinetry. Finished with slate and cork flooring. Beautiful 150sqft Haliburton room perfect for hosting or enjoying peace and tranquility. Access on Drag and Spruce Lake. Cottage is fully insulated, just needs winterized water to be your year-round retreat.

LONG LAKE $419,000



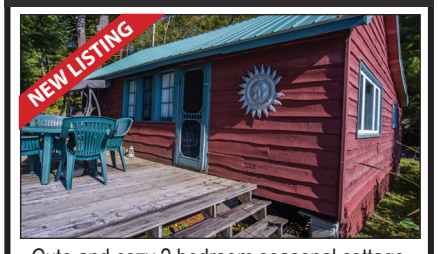
Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy.

FORTESCUE LAKE $329,000



Cute and cozy 2-bedroom cottage. Surrounded by 8.97 acres of mature trees providing ample privacy and stunning beaver meadow views, a wildlife delight. Open concept. 4pc bath with clawfoot tub. Southern exposure. Dock at waterfront with a quiet road traveled between. Public boat launch right next door. The spectacular lake views are a must to see.

TAMARACK LAKE $329,00



Cute and cozy 2 bedroom seasonal cottage sits on the water edge. Gorgeous views fronting on Tamarack Lake. Peaceful and quiet location. Traditional cottage features a spacious living room, 2 bedrooms, 2pc bath and bright eat-in kitchen. Enjoy the beautiful south-east views. Level yard. Hard bottom natural shoreline. Don't miss this perfect opportunity to own a cozy piece of paradise.

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Human fears and behaviour are having a negative impact on snakes.

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Forest threat

The Asian long horned beetle has the potential to devastate forests.

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Activism works

The Sierra Club's Elizabeth May was an inspiration for local environmentalists.

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You may seem like just a tiny mosquito against the big government but think about how much a mosquito bothers you in your room at 2 a.m. when you can't sleep.

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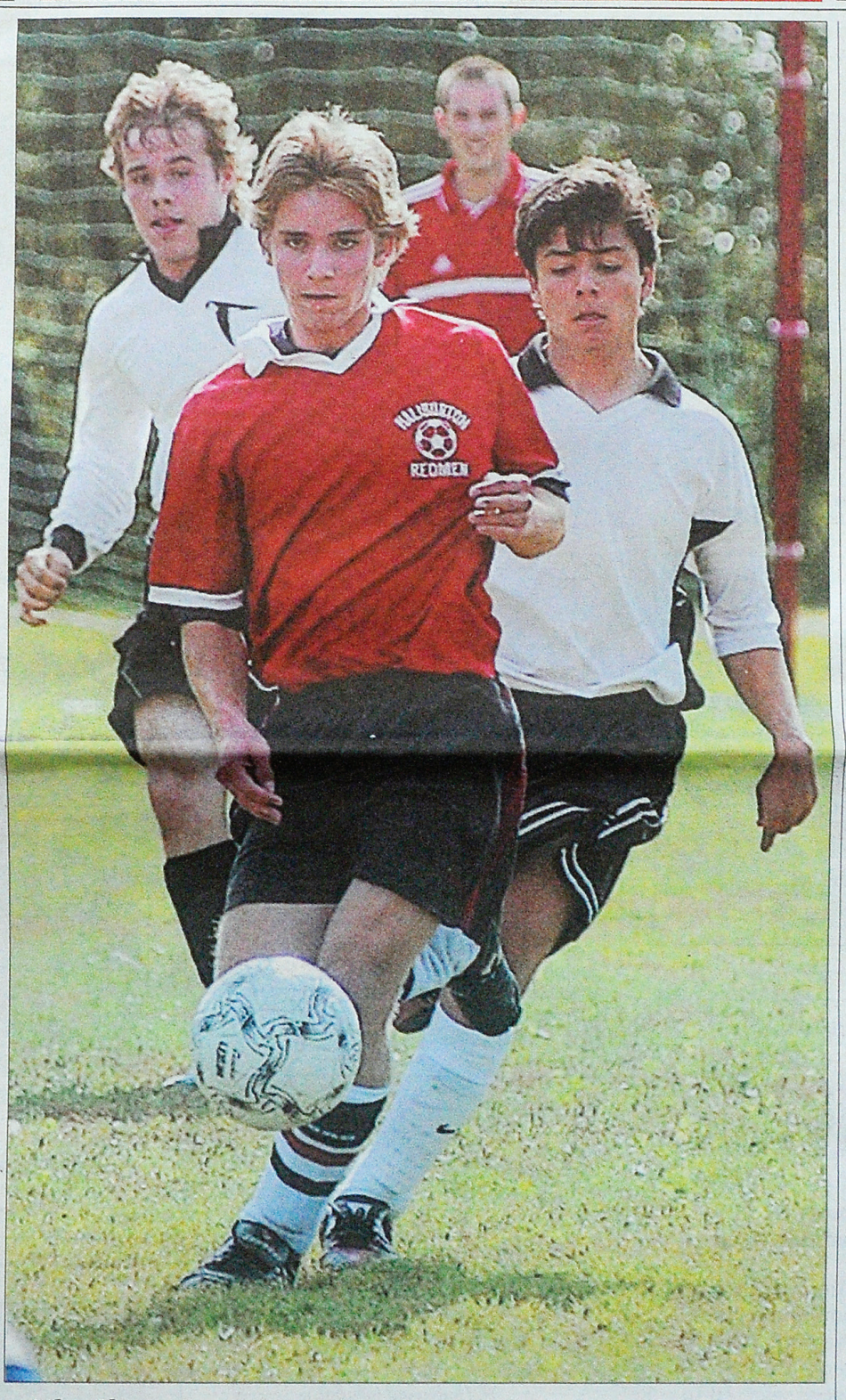

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Fast footing

Rasmus Juergensen breaks past his marker in the midfield during the match against Fenelon Falls Falcons earlier in the season. HHSS lost 2-nil. Most recently the Red Hawks dropped another match against LCVI 3-1. They remain winless this season. See the whole story inside.

Dream comes true

Community celebrates Village Green

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

The story of the Village Green begins with one woman's dream and ends in the coming together of a community.

Two years ago, Lois Rigney had a vision to transform the patch of land behind the CIBC on Main Street in Minden into a place that could be enjoyed by all who came into the village. She saw gardens overflowing with beautiful flowers, benches filled with local residents out for a stroll or just stopping by to chat with friends and, most importantly, she saw a place that would make the community and local business owners proud.

On Saturday, as she stood surrounded by the realization of her dream, Rigney looked at those gathered for the opening of the Village Green and said, "I'm here to share the dream with you."

After the idea came to her to do something with the space, Rigney says she turned to three women who she knew would be just as determined and enthusiastic to help.

Rigney called on Jeanne Anthon, the former reeve of Minden, Pat Campbell the owner of Campbell's Flower Shop, and Ann Cherry, a seasonal resident whose brother volunteered her for the job.

"We met over hot chocolate and coffee," Rigney said of their first meeting in October of 2002. During those initial weeks, the group of four women planned a strategy. They drew on each

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